

GOSSIP FROM GOTHAM

Crocker Preparing to Give Bryan a Rousing Reception.

TAMMANYITES ORDERED TO RALLY

T. E. Evans Talks of Trade Conditions in Philippines.

WAGER ON "AUTO" RACE

Special Correspondence of The Evening Star.

NEW YORK, October 10, 1900. From all indications, the Crocker factory is working overtime manufacturing enthusiasm for Bryan. As the day approaches for the mass meeting in Madison Square Garden there are increasing signs of Tammany preparations on a large scale. Crocker has ordered that Bryan shall receive a tremendous ovation in this city, and, therefore, all of Crocker's lieutenants are setting out to organize a reception that promises to be a rare spectacle of machine-made enthusiasm. Conferences are held again daily in Crocker's headquarters, and it is reported that the Tammany boss complains because he thinks the enthusiasm is not being manufactured fast enough.

It is understood that the henchmen are being marshaled by the subcommittee and drilled in the art of executing all manner of tumultuous applause. The district leaders are counting their forces, and will shortly report to Crocker on the volume of enthusiasm they can furnish. Crocker plans so to dispose his forces in the garden on the night of October 16 that the greatest effectiveness will be forthcoming. The famous fighting Tammany contingents of the east side will occupy commanding positions. Martin Engel's men will be there to strike to oust their neighbors in rendering wild Indian yells. Tiny Sullivan's crowd will be on hand endeavoring to break all previous records at running a political meeting. The gas house district will be well represented, and both river fronts will send large delegations of their best-lunged men. Included in Crocker's careful and imperative instructions to the Tammany henchmen is an order that no man shall leave the garden during the Bryan meeting.

No One Will be Allowed to Go Out. "Any one who attempts to get out will do so at his peril." This order was promulgated, no doubt, by the recollection of a significant incident at the Bryan meeting four years ago. At that time the garden was packed to suffocation with people who were anxious to see the "boy orator," and anxious to know what one of his incendiary speeches was like when delivered hot off the mouth. But Bryan proved to be a sore disappointment by getting up and reading a tame essay, which, no doubt, he thought would be suited to the conservative ears of New Yorkers. When the audience saw what was up, a movement toward the doors was begun, which continued until large blocks of seats were vacant, and the meeting became one of the most notable in the history of local campaigning. Crocker is determined that nothing of the kind shall happen this time. The henchmen must stay the thing out, and must enforce whether they like it or not.

The sum which Mr. Crocker is going to spend in fireworks, bands and kites during Bryan's visit here next week is now placed at \$50,000. And this, it is said, at a time when Bryan, Altschuld and Jones declare that nothing but the profuse and corrupt use of money by the Republicans can prevent Bryan's election. Why throw away \$50,000 in the air, it is asked, when it could be used to advantage in counteracting the effects of corrupt Republican money? Why not give it to impetuous democratic election officials, some conservative democrats in the party, and thus remove them from temptation to sell out to the Republicans. Then, again, the inquisitive of the rank and file ask how can the laboring man be convinced of the rightness of the Republican party by the fact that Tammany has "money to burn." \$50,000 of it? Furthermore, will the great army of democratic workers "up the state," who have had no money to speak of with which to conduct the campaign, be made enthusiastic by this destruction of what would have made life comfortable for them during what promises now to be an uncommonly hard winter?

Tammany Has Plenty of Money. Tammany has plenty of money. Crocker's recent compulsory declaration that he would do all in his power to drive vice out of this city if sufficient proof of its existence should be furnished is taken by the politicians to have been a shrewd campaign move by the Tammany leader. Tammany this year has been unable to raise campaign contributions by voluntary offers of business men, because of the overwhelming opposition to Bryan and his tenets. So a system of "shaking down" the various nefarious trades which can flourish only with Tammany protection was perfected, and all the principal pool rooms, policy and other gambling trades have been ordered to step up to the captain's office and settle. This assessment, with that derived from the tremendous salary list which Tammany has fastened upon the city, has furnished the "central organization" of Tammany Hall a campaign fund of more than \$1,000,000. It is impossible for Tammany to expend that amount for legitimate campaign expenses, shrewd politicians say, and what the surplus is to be used for is a subject of interesting speculation. There are some who assert it is to go up the state, to corrupt the rural voters and keep them away from the polls. Others, however, say the "central organization" does not intend to part with one dollar more than is necessary to make a "good" campaign. The surplus of about \$500,000, they say, will be kept as a provision fund for Tammany's majority election next year.

John D. Crimmins, one of the foremost Democrats in the city, has come out against Bryanism and announced that he is in favor of the country trader. Crimmins, who is one of the largest and best-known contractors in the whole country, has taken recently with many builders and workmen, and he says that the present situation, the foreign-born voters, the workmen of all nationalities and beliefs, can be won over to the cause of the country trader. In an interview, giving the results of his investigations, Crimmins says that if the foreign-born voters want a continuance of abundant employment and good wages, they must vote for financial honesty and honor. Many of the foreign-born voters, he declares, are not in the habit of voting. He declares that in his judgment the destruction of the country and the workmen's best interests, Tammany must be destroyed. He declares that he will lead now, and it is the duty of the republican campaign leaders to see that the workmen in this city are not fooled.

Gold Democrats for Congress. The determination of the Brooklyn democratic county leaders to nominate a full ticket of gold men for Congress has been carried out. So far as Kings county is concerned, the leaders claim that 16 to 1 is not an issue, and that they are justified in appealing to sound money men for their votes. Four of the five present democratic congressmen were re-nominated. Mitchell May of the sixth being dropped for his vote against the currency bill. In place of May, the county committee has nominated, and at present an assistant to the tax commissioners, was named.

It has been talked that the true blue Bryan men would place a complete congressional ticket in the field if the program of the regulars was carried out. They are to have a meeting in a day or two to decide just what will be done. But as independent nominations must be filed by October 15, it is likely that the regulars will have time left to secure the requisite number of names to petitions.

Trade Conditions in the Philippines. Thomas E. Evans, manager of a wholesale mercantile house in Manila, who has just come to New York on business, speaks thus concerning trade conditions and opportunities in the Philippines: "It would be hard to give definite figures as to the total bulk of trade with the Philippines at the present time," he said, "but when I tell you that there are already three big wholesale houses and more than a hundred small stores in Manila which are run and owned by Americans you will see that it is not small. Of course, up to this time the great bulk of trade has been carried on by the English and Germans, these being the men in the Manila chamber of commerce who are very rich. This body is the most representative of the islands. It is made up of the solid men, English, Americans, Germans, French, a large proportion of Spaniards, and not a few very capable Filipinos. After the American occupation the traders from this country began to flock to Manila. A great many were young men with but little business experience, and were not regarded with a great deal of favor by the older, established residents. These Americans organized a separate chamber of commerce, which grew to such proportions that the old chamber invited a consolidation of the two. Now it is the important body in the islands."

Mr. Wager on Automobile Race. William K. Vanderbilt, jr., will start on Thursday of this week for Minneapolis in his French automobile, the White Ghost, on a wager to complete the trip from the door of the Waldorf-Astoria to those of the West Hotel in fifteen days. By this trip Mr. Vanderbilt will attempt to retrieve the reputation lost by the auto in its recent poor run from Newport to New York, when Mr. Vanderbilt, through a series of mishaps, failed to reach his destination in anything like record time. The scheduled trip will be made as the result of a wager made by Mr. Vanderbilt recently at a dinner given at the Waldorf-Astoria, and which involved a little more than \$100,000. The wager was made with a banker doing business in Wall street, and whose name is, for the present at least, held in the background, but who is generally credited with being Sidney J. Smith, well known to the public as a horseman and rider to hounds. A night or two after the ill-fated trip was made from Newport Mr. Vanderbilt and Mr. Smith and several other friends were dining at the Waldorf, when the question of the auto race came up, and Mr. Vanderbilt claimed that the Newport run was no criterion of the merits of the White Ghost. "Why, I could make the run to Minneapolis with that machine in fifteen days, and I have figured out the distance," said Mr. Vanderbilt. "Better see how you can't," said Mr. Smith. "Done," promptly responded the young millionaire. The details of the wager were at once completed and Mr. Vanderbilt started to work on the automobile to make the start on Thursday at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. The start will be from the 54th street entrance of the Waldorf-Astoria and will close at the West Hotel.

Professional Golfers Return Home. Nearly all the professionals who competed in the recent open championship conducted under the auspices of the United States Golf Association over the Wheaton Links have returned to their homes. Some, of course, have their usual "hook stories," but in most instances they are free to admit that the best man won. It is a noticeable fact that nine out of ten professionals when asked their opinions as to the relative merits of Harry Vardon and J. H. Taylor will without a moment's hesitation place Vardon's name at the head of the list and Taylor's next. This is not just now due to Vardon's latest achievement, for the same feeling has existed for years. The fact of the matter is the new open champion of America got a longer haul than Taylor, and this tells in a long march despite the other's supposedly better short game. While the open champion's force of the game was by a wide margin the best ever gathered together in the United States, it was also distinctive in other ways. An amateur who has just returned from Chicago declared: "I never saw so many professionals of mediocre ability competing in a championship before. Why, there were even who drove off from the first tee that could not have stood even the slightest chance of winning in one of our regular amateur tournaments here in the metropolitan district. Some of the professionals traveled several hundred miles to compete, only to finish near the bottom of the list."

Another thing brought out by the new championship event was the fact that amateurs are not to be tempted into competing for the higher honor through the addition of a special amateur prize. Ever since Bernard Nichols defeated Harry Vardon in a match over one of the Florida courses last winter the amateur has been trying in every way to get on a return match, but Nichols being well content to rest on his laurels demurred. At the time the victory of the former Philadelphia was looked upon as a fluke, and nearly every case following the game declared that Vardon would easily turn the tables next time they met. This he will have a chance to do on Saturday in a thirty-hole match, to be decided over the links of the Brae Burn Golf Club near Boston. At present Vardon is at Scranton, but will return to the metropolitan district this week.

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LIBRARY EMPLOYEES

A TALK TO THEM UPON QUESTIONS OF INTERNAL ADMINISTRATION.

Mr. Putnam Speaks of Increase of Force and Advancement in Compensation.

For the first time since he entered upon office, a year and a half ago, Mr. Putnam called together the entire force of the library yesterday and made to them a statement upon certain questions relating to the library service. They were all questions of internal administration. He cautioned them against the natural inclination to use their own private judgment in drawing books for the benefit of their friends, pointing out that, as the ordinary resident of the District is not entitled to draw out books for home use in any direct way, it would be exceedingly unjust if certain residents should be allowed to draw through their friendship with the library employees.

He asked them to discourage, so far as they in their own private judgment could, the practice of drawing books for the benefit of their friends, pointing out that, as the ordinary resident of the District is not entitled to draw out books for home use in any direct way, it would be exceedingly unjust if certain residents should be allowed to draw through their friendship with the library employees.

As to the opportunities of employees in the service, he stated that, the force was graded, opportunity for advancement in compensation could come only through an advance in grade. No one employee could be singled out for increase of salary from a group of employees doing the same work at the same compensation. Advances from grade to grade is promotion, properly speaking; advance in compensation without change of grade is a different matter. Such an advance cannot be expected. This explanation was necessary from the fact that the employees had come to him from employers, or from others in their behalf, for an increase in compensation, and who seemed to regard their case as isolated cases to assume that it was in his power to increase their salary without change of duties; to increase their salary without regard to the merits of others doing the same kind of work.

The advance of any given employee could occur only in case of vacancy in a higher grade and by promotion. That promotion must be based upon the work done in the lower grade, and such aptitude for the higher class of work as might appear.

Consider Only the Merits. In considering applications of individuals for increase of salary, he could neither

isolate one individual from a group nor advance the whole group in order to recognize exceptional ability in an individual, and should opportunity come for selecting for advancement, he could consider only the merits.

The increase of a single salary might seem a simple matter. As it presented itself to him, however, it was by no means a simple matter. It might involve an increase of compensation for an entire group of people. He was obliged to keep the expenditures of the library within a reasonable limit as compared with that of other libraries. Should a vacancy occur to give advance to one employee meant to give to him preference; to advance one must be to leave behind the rest.

The occasion of this talk was not because of any special abuses now observable in the library, it was rather intended as a caution against tendencies that would have to be resisted and in explanation of certain limitations which must control the advancement in the library.

ALONG THE RIVER FRONT.

Result of Stocking Potomac With Shad Spawns.

The work done in the spring by the fish commission is now being shown, the river above the city being full of young shad. They can be seen almost at any time from the wharves swimming along in schools numbering thousands. If all the young shad now swimming about in the river should live the fishermen will reap a rich harvest in the spring, when the season opens. But the minnows are preyed upon by all game fish, and many are consumed.

The trap net fishermen about Glymont and Gunston report that rock fish were never more plentiful this early in the season than they are now, and that large quantities of them are being caught and shipped to the New York and Philadelphia markets. Black bass are also reported plentiful in the river, but they will not go into the traps. All of this species of fish being caught are by the haul seine. Within the next few weeks the fishermen will have all their nets staked out, and fish from the home waters will be plentiful in the market.

The steam yacht, Willard, belonging to Mr. Roswell Eldridge of New York, sailed Tuesday for Richmond. While in port here she attracted much attention. She was larger than most of the yachts that visit this port, being 102 feet long, 15.5 feet wide and having a depth of 8.8 feet. She is of ninety-three tons and was built at Wilmington, Del., in 1899. Captain Stafford is her commander. The steam yacht Galvota, belonging to Mr. Don Passos, one of the largest of the yachts here, is but 77.2 feet long.

It is stated that Mr. H. K. Bliss, the owner of the large naphtha launch Gray-

ling, contemplates the building of a much larger boat during the coming winter and spring, for service on the coast next summer. A warehouse office has been built on the wharf of the Randall Potomac River Line Company at the foot of 8th street.

It is stated that an effort is to be made to have a big wharf built at King Cepelo, on the Potomac river, in Westmoreland county, Va. When built it is proposed to have the Baltimore, Washington and Norfolk steamers stop there. As an argument in favor those who desire the wharf built say they would get mail hours ahead of what they now have; that fruit and cattle could be shipped quickly to markets, and the evening papers would be on the breakfast tables of the Westmoreland people each morning. The proposition to build this wharf is meeting with much favor, and the chances are it will be done.

The Freight-Laden Craft.

The steamer Lily and Howard is at Alexandria for a cargo of fertilizer for Occoquan bay and other points. The two-masted schooner, Richard Cronin, well sailed from Alexandria Tuesday for Potomac creek to load a point ore for Baltimore.

The J. P. Robinson is at Wm. A. Spoot & Co.'s for a cargo of fertilizer and miscellaneous supplies for lower river points. The barge G. B. Roberts is at the Glymont wharf for a load of poplar wood for Philadelphia, where it will be used in the manufacture of paper.

The steamer Occoquan has delivered a cargo of oak pilings for the rebuilding of the Baltimore and Ohio transfer ferry slip at Alexandria.

RATS ATE THE GUINEA PIGS.

They May Propagate Whooping Cough in Consequence. A special to the New York Times from Chicago says: Mayor Harrison, Chicago aldermen, city employees and prisoners in the basement of the city hall are said to be in danger of an epidemic of whooping cough through the rat-ridden condition of the building.

On Tuesday night rats invaded the cages in which Guinea pigs, held for experimental purposes, were confined, and killed three of the pigs. The feet and legs of the Guinea pigs were eaten by the rats. The dead Guinea pigs had been inoculated with the germs of whooping cough. Employees of the health department say the rats may spread the germs of the disease to the mayor's office, to the council chamber and to all other corners of the city hall, in which they have long been a pest.

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